

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of this Amendment and submit the following remarks. Claims 1-10, 14-17, 20-23, 28-51, and 58-61 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants are canceling claims 31 and 32 without prejudice or disclaimer, and adding claims 65 and 66. Claims 33, 34, 37, 38, 40, and 45 have been amended.

By Applicants' election to the Restriction Requirement made in the Office Action and described below, Applicants elect the claims of Group V (claims 33-45 and 58-61) without traverse, and therefore claims 1-10, 14-17, 20-23, 28-30, and 46-51 are withdrawn from further examination. As a result claims 33-45, 58-61, and 65-66 are pending for examination, with claims 33 and 58 being independent claims.

1. Claim Amendments

Support for the subject matter of newly presented claims 65 and 66 is provided throughout Applicants' specification, as originally filed, and in claims 15 and 16, as originally presented. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Minor amendments have been made to claims 33, 34, 37, 38, 40, and 45 to further clarify the claims subject matter. No new matter has been added.

2. Claim Objections

Claims 31 and 32 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the objections to these claims should be withdrawn.

3. Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement made in the Office Action mailed October 4, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group V, including claims 33-45 and 58-81. Newly presented claims 65 and 66 depend indirectly from claim 33, and therefore relate to the elected claims of Group V.

Applicants make this election without traverse, and without prejudice to filing a divisional application directed to non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §121.

In view of the foregoing, consideration and favorable action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/2762.

Respectfully submitted,

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